

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: Does fire cause more damage in the city or in the country?

ANSWER: In proportion, fire threatens farm residents more than it threatened people who live in towns. The National Fire Protection Association says fire killed about 11,000 persons in the United States last year. One-third of these were farm residents,

although only one-fifth of the country's population lives on farms. Property damage from farm fires last year was about 100 million dollars. Agricultural engineers at State College say 90 per cent of all farm fires could be readily prevented if farmers would give full attention to eliminating common fire hazards. One way to do this is to stage a thorough spring clean-up drive which will include all farm buildings, equipment, and grounds.

QUESTION: How great is the crop loss from insects each year?

ANSWER: Some 10 years ago, Federal entomologists estimated

that the losses caused by about 60 per cent of the more important insect pests amounted to a billion and a half dollars a year. Now, however, they have raised this estimate to four billion a year. The entomologists say that DDT and other new insecticides have not only provided better protection to crops but have shown by the increased yields of treated crops that insects do more damage than anyone had supposed.

The new estimate still does not include a number of so-called minor pests like the cattle hornfly, which does an estimated 100 million dollars a year damage.

In the old estimates, insect pests were blamed for a 5 per cent a year loss to grains in farm storage. Now studies show losses of 1 to 2 per cent a month, indicating that the older estimates were at least 250 million dollars short.

On a crop like corn, the entomologists figure that yields may be reduced as much as one-fourth by the various insects which attack the growing plants.

However, most of these tremendous crop losses can be prevented if farmers will follow proper insect control methods and use insecticides which are now available. The local county agent will provide complete information.

National Farm Safety Week Is Set For July 24-30

North Carolina farmers are asked to join thousands of others throughout the Nation this year in observance of National Farm Safety Week, July 24-30. The theme of the week, according to H. M. Ellis, in charge of extension agricultural engineering at State College, will be the elimination of unsafe practices.

Recent studies, Mr. Ellis says, reveal that unsafe practices continue to be the leading cause of accidents to farm people. A special survey conducted by the National Safety Council shows that about 72 per cent of the accidents involved one or more unsafe acts on the part of the victims. One of every 17 farm residents in the United States will suffer a disabling injury from accidents in 1949 unless they take extra precautions.

A survey of farm work accidents showed that failure to use proper equipment was the commonest unsafe act for farm accidents.

Unsafe practices in dealing with animals was second in importance.

Among other common unsafe acts were knowingly using defective or unguaranteed equipment, working on or adjusting dangerous moving equipment, handling too heavy loads, and doing work without sufficient instruction.

Special phases of farm safety will be stressed each day of National Farm Safety Week. Sunday will be observed as church day, with the accent on "Thou Shalt Not Kill." Monday will be home safety day, featuring good housekeeping. Tuesday will be livestock safety day, with accent on handling animals safely.

Wednesday will emphasize safety from falls. Thursday will be highway safety day. Friday will be machinery safety day. Saturday will be review day, for review of all phases of accident prevention, especially the elimination of unsafe practices.

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Corn Growers Asked To Increase Yields

North Carolina's 100-Bushel Corn Club members were asked this week by F. L. Albritton, club president and the state's 1948 corn growing champion, to do their part in the "corn war" with Virginia.

"For every member of the 100 Bushel Corn Club there are 160 farmers who have not been reported as growing 100 or more bushels of corn per acre," Albritton said. "As a member of the 100-Bushel Club, are you doing your part?"

The average farm in this state has about nine acres of corn; the LaGrange farmer pointed out. If every farmer would follow the five steps to increase corn yields on one acre the state average should be raised five bushels for 1949.

The five steps as worked out by specialists of the State College Extension Service and scientists of the Agricultural Experiment Station are: (1) Use seed of an adapted hybrid or a proved local variety; (2) Fertile according to the soil needs; (3) Space the rows and the plants in the rows the proper distance to get the desired yield; (4) Control weeds early but avoid late and deep cultivation; and (5) Use adequate sidedressing.

"We would not be interested in this contest if we did not know, from our own experience that high corn yields are economical yields," Albritton continued. "Every farmer who follows these approved practices over a period of years will profit by his efforts. Will you, as a member, sponsor as many neighbors as possible for membership in this club?"

Better Chicken Breed Is Sought

A new Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest is now under way in North Carolina. C. J. Maupin, poultry specialist for the State College Extension Service, announced today.

"Goal of the new three-year program," Maupin said, "is a 1951-

model chicken patterned along the lines of progress made in the initial Chicken-of-Tomorrow breeding contest. An attempt will be made to develop a new bird — or improve some of the established strains — that will grow faster and have beefier drumsticks and more white meat."

State contests are being held all over the nation this year and will be followed by regional contests in 1950 and another national contest in 1951. The A. & P. Food Stores are offering \$10,000 in prize money during this period.

"In many respects, the Chicken-of-Tomorrow is here today," Maupin said. "The first national contest, won by a California hatchery with a Cornish-New Hampshire cross, demonstrated that many meat-type birds are being produced all over the nation. The main purpose of the new contest is to improve, spread, and expand the production of better-type meat birds, so that more and more superior chickens will soon be reaching American dinner tables."

Poultry industry members who have been asked to serve on the North Carolina committee with Maupin are L. J. Fourie and Charles G. Fox of Raleigh, H. B. Helms and Bundy F. Belk of Monroe, W. W. Keever of Lincolnton, J. B. Wood of Siler City, H. C. Kennett of Durham, Harry Hettiger of Wilkesboro, and R. S. Dearstyne and C. F. Parrish of State College.

The 1949 contest will end during the week of June 20-25. Announcement will be made as to names of judges and the dressing plant where a 15-bird sample from each entry will be dressed.

Livestock breeders in the United States imported nearly 40 per cent more purebred animals during 1948 than in 1947. The majority of the importations were from Canada.

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Also is a schedule of the program. Follow it if you can. But in any event see that your premises are clean and trash and garbage is piled ready for the Pick Up Days.

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MAIN STREET.

Edinboro Avenue to Harriss Avenue

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SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 15th -	Church cooperation day.
Monday, May 16th -	Safety and Fire Prevention Day. Clean basements, attics, dispose of rags, newspapers and other rubbish in houses. Start paint jobs inside and out. Also paint porch and lawn furniture.
Tuesday, May 17th -	Front and Back Yard Day. Clean alleys, garages, front and back yards, gutters and walks.
Wednesday, May 18th -	Vacant Lot Day. Clean vacant lots of cans, bottles, paper and weeds. (on this day be sure that all trash and rubbish is put in piles where it can be picked up on Pick Up Days)
Thursday, May 19th -	Pickup Day. West Side of Main Street, Magnolia St., Fulton St., Bethel St. and Green St.
Friday, May 20th -	Pick Up Day. East Side of Main St., Stewart St., McLaughlin St. and Jackson St.
Saturday, May 21st -	Householders and owners of business property make final inspection of their premises to insure that no contemplated project has been overlooked.

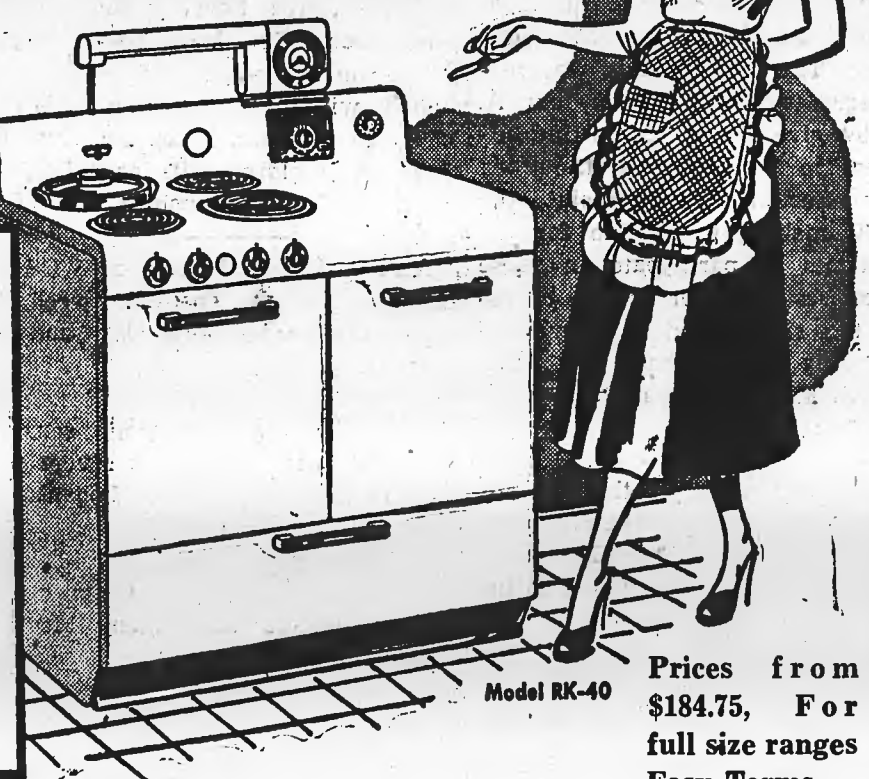
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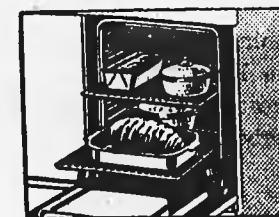
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